Church Life

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"Burden Bearers."

The Pastor's Message.

The growth of our church is steady rather than spasmodic. Of the ten people who have just been baptized, five last Sunday and five the Sunday preceding, each one came as a result of deep and determined conviction. It is most unwise to hurry persons into the church. More than 100 indicated their desire to lead the Christian life at the Decision Day observance in our Sunday Schools. I have been talking with many of these personally, but I have been loth to urge them to take up church membership, without a definite assurance of faith in Jesus Christ. During my two years with you I have had the joy of welcoming new members at every communion service. Nearly 200 have been welcomed during that time into our fellowship, but the number at any one time has not been great. I am sure that this quiet and continuous accession is a most hopeful sign. It indicates the constant and effectual working of the Spirit.

To many of us the Sunday evening after-meeting is the most inspiring and gracious in the entire week. Though it is often difficult to persuade people to go into the lecture-room, as it is so distant from the auditorium, the services are well attended. A week ago 125 were present, and last Sunday, in spite of the weather conditions, which lessened the size of our congregation at the preaching service, nearly 100 remained, and visited the after-meeting. The members of the Christian Workers' Band have been a tower of strength in these services. God bless them for their earnestness and devotion.

We now have Church Parlors. The title is no longer a metaphor. The attractiveness of the large lecture room and the Sunday School rooms above, and the homelikeness of the smaller room, with its curtins—what a transforming power there is in a little white stuff hiding a bare window!—are all due to the energy of our Benevolent Society and the careful superintendence of the work of painters and decorators by Mr. Googins. The church office has also emerged from its dustiness, and looks as smiling and serene as the halls and vestibules and parlors.

On a recent Sunday I called attention to the success of the Weekly Offering system in making many small subscriptions count for much in the aggregate. In citing, not theory, but actual conditions in another church, I was enabled to show how $2,000 per year was actually raised, in pledges ranging in amount from ten cents to forty-five cents per week. All were below fifty, nearly all were twenty-five cents and under, yet how grand was the sum total. I hope that before another year has passed we shall have the weekly offering system so thoroughly appreciated and followed that our church funds from this source shall be greatly increased. I am morally certain that there are 200 people who could give ten cents a week who now give little or nothing. There are poor people, young people, and others, perhaps not even members of our church, who would be delighted to contribute, if the matter were brought to their notice, personally and individually. I believe that there are at least 100 more who would give fifteen cents a week. These two companies of people by their contributions would add $1520 a year to our income.

It was a peculiar privilege for me to introduce to many of you my successor at Elgin, Dr. Kirtley, who has been achieving so noble a work in that honored church. His lecture, mingling wit and wisdom in most delightful fashion, was a rare treat to all who were present.

I had intended speaking of the aggressive work of our District Organization, and of several other important matters, but the limits of space forbid, and my letter has been longer than usual now.

Your Pastor,
Austen K. de Blois.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Hon. D. T. Phillips.

Our church has been called upon to mourn the death of another of its honored members, the Hon. D. T. Phillips, United States Counsul at Cardiff, Wales. Mr. Phillips retained his membership in our church though residing abroad. He and his family were beloved and honored here, and we tender to the bereaved ones our deep and sincere sympathy. From a copy of the Cardiff "Western Mail," which Dr. de Blois has just received from Mrs. Phillips we reprint the following extracts. Besides a lengthy article in its columns the journal refers in addition to the noble

services of Mr. Phillips as citizen, diplomat and philanthropist.

The neighborhood of The Walk, Cardiff was startled early on Tuesday morning by an explosion at the house of the Hon. D. T. Phillips, the American Consul at Cardiff, the report being so loud that it was plainly heard in Newport-road. A servant girl, named Maud Jenkins, on entering the middle sitting-room lit the jets of the telescopic chandelier. Having done so she pushed the chandelier upwards as far as it would go, and as there was scarcely any water in the well there was a big rush of escaping gas, which at once ignited, with terrible results. The doors leading to the passage and greenhouse were blown in, the greenhouse itself was blown to pieces, and the windows at the front of the house were dashed into the street. The ceiling in the room where the explosion occurred came down, while the big burst of flame did considerable damage to the furniture, and, being carried into the hall, ignited the carpet and woodwork of the staircase. It was a marvellous thing that the servant girl escaped with no greater injuries than some severe burns to the head, neck, and arms.

To at least one inmate of the house, however, the occurrence has been tragic in its consequences. The Hon. D. T. Phillips, who had been in ill-health for some time, was lying upstairs, and, suffering as he did from a weak heart, the shock proved fatal but a few hours later. His daughter Grace, too, is also lying seriously ill from a severe shock to the system.

Mr. Phillips Career.

The Hon. D. T. Phillips was a remarkable man in many ways. The son of the Rev. Thomas Phillips, a Calvinistic Methodist minister, he was born at Tredegar on Dec. 19, 1842, but in his early years he removed to Cardiff. For some time he attended the same Sunday School as Sir Alfred Thomas, M. P., and here was laid the foundation of a career of active Christian work. Although at the age of about fourteen he took a position in the town-clerk's office, he soon evinced a desire for the ministry, and at sixteen he preached his first sermon at the old Tabernacle Chapel. Soon after this he went to Haverfordwest College, and on leaving there became a Baptist pastor at Llantwit Major; also, subsequently, at Portheawl, Swansea, and Bristol. It was in the last town that he was married to Miss Emelinda Stock, a daughter of Mr. Eli Stock. About thirty years ago he crossed the Atlantic, and as a minister labored in Philadelphia, Port Chester, Baltimore, and Chicago. There he was a well-known Republican speaker and an ardent supporter of McKinley. During one of the late President's campaigns he spoke publicly on no less than 123 occasions, and wielded a great influence, particularly in the State of Kentucky. It was in July, 1897, that he was appointed to the Consulate at Cardiff. Since then he performed the duties of his office with marked ability, although soon after his arrival and during the great coal strike he showed some indiscretion by making an attack on the Welsh coal owners. The value of his work was recently recognized by the offer of the American Consulate-generalship at Hankow, China.

He will be remembered in Cardiff for his never-failing solicitude for the deserving poor, whether in an official or private capacity, and for his generosity towards charitable objects and institutions. He was closely connected with the work of the Tabernacle Chapel, and did much service as a local preacher. He was also a man of considerable literary ability, and amongst works which he published are "Heroes of Faith," a volume of sermons, "Protection versus Free Trade," "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," and "The Political and Industrial Advantages of Arbitration." He was a very successful eisteddfodwr, both in Wales and America, and in Cardiff was known as a popular lecturer. He was an honorary member of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association and a member of the house and central committees of the Cardiff Baptist College, also one of the most ardent supporters of the Cymmrodorion Society. He leaves a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters, three of whom are married.

HISTORY OF THE CENSUS.

It had seemed to me and to others for some time past that we would do our work to much better advantage in this community if we could find out what the community is, religiously. There was only one way to find out, and that was to make a careful and systematic canvass. The Men's League very generously agreed to stand by the Pastor in the matter, and to back him financially to the extent of one hundred dollars.

The work of visitation was done by

Messrs. Raffie, Fernald, Sherbundy, Robertson, Packard and Exley, of the University of Chicago, and my Assistants, Mr. Embree and Mr. Merrifield. Ten thousand cards were printed, nearly half of which were used. One card was filled in for each family. The form of the card was as follows:

THE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

Jan. 1, 1905.

Name, ...

Address, ...

Residence: Permanent..... Temporary.....

Member of.....Church

Prefer the.....Church

Names of other Adults:	Member Ch.	Member S. S.	Prefer Ch.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
Children			
Servants			

No preference.....

Refused information.....

Not at home.....

Vacant houses.....

Languages used at home.....

Visitors.....

District No.....

The Returns.

Vacant houses, 142; Refused informaiton, 67; Not at home, 235; Jews, 427; Roman Catholics, 829; Baptists, 474; Other Protestants, 1410; No preference, 1106; Free Thinkers, 5; Total, 4695.

Adding together the Baptists and other Protestants we have a total of 1884 families favoring other than Jewish and Catholic churches. The term "Protestant" I use to include all not falling in either of the other two categories, nor in that of Freethinkers. These 1884 families show the following

Denominational Preferences.

Baptist	474
Methodist	351
Episcopalian	330
Presbyterian	226
Lutheran	132
Congregational	74
Christian Science	66
Christian	54
Liberal and General	53
Spiritualist	26
Universalist	27
Unitarian	21
Seventh Day Adventist	18
Reformed Episcopal	12
Friends	8
Ger. Reformed	4
Ger. Evangelical	4
Ger. Evangelical Protestant	1
Unclassified	3
	1884

Under "Liberal and General" I have classed the families which show preferences for independent and peculiar faiths. An analysis of these may prove interesting. They are as follows:

Liberal and General.

Central Church (Dr. Gunsaulus)	10
All Souls (Jenkyn Lloyd Jones)	6
Swedenborgian	5
Salvation Army	
New Thought (Science of Being)	4
Mazdaznan Soc. (Hanish)	
People's Church	
Chr. Cath. Church (Dowie)	
Society for Ethical Culture	
Independent Religious Soc.	
Occult Science	
Liberal	
Church of God	
Church of Truth	
Armour Mission	
Greek Church	
Palmist	
Gospel Mission	
Moody Church	
Universal Church	
Kenwood Evangelical (Union)	
Latter Day Saints	
Free Believers	
Good Fellowship Church	
	53

The young men spent about three hours with me before beginning their work. We considered carefully such questions as the methods of approach to people, means of obtaining information, etc., etc., so that the visitors went out on their errand with a definite idea of their mission, and the way to render it most successful. I had previously decided to follow the District Plan, already adopted in other departments of our church activity; so that there was no over-lapping or confusion in the canvass.

Outcome.

I am pleased with the character and results of the campaign. The young men did their work faithfully and well. They have supplied us with a great mass of information, which we are now analyzing and using. Miss Van Fleet and Mr. Merrifield have already found in "following up" the cards showing a Baptist preference, a large number of splendid people, who have been entirely unconnected with our church. The District Organization will aid in carrying forward the good work. I am in hopes that the unquestioned value of such a canvass as this, now so fully proven, will lead to the establishment of this census-taking as an annual feature of our church extension work.

Your Pastor,
Austen K. de Blois.

The Saving of the Child.

Sermon Preached by the Pastor on Sunday Morning January 15, 1904.

Matt. 18:5. "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

Thirty thousand children are marching merrily along the streets, and pouring eagerly out through the gates, of the fairest city in the world. Above them fly silken banners whose standards are borne by tiny hands. The lillies of lovely France and the white cross of the sacred armies are the mingled emblems. As they go the children sing. Their songs are songs of victory. It shall be theirs, they have been promised by the priests, to rescue the holy sepulchre from the hands of the hated Saracens. So, with hopeful hearts and happy voices they journey southward, through the smiling vineyards of their mother-land.

Behold afar another multitude of little ones, twenty thousand of them, sallying forth from the city of Cologne, and taking their way along the course of the Rhine toward the Alps and Italy. With laughter and shouting and hymns of joy they move onward. But by and by the storms sweep past them. By and by the way grows hard and rough. Little hearts are aching. Little heads are heavy. Little feet are bleeding. Little cheeks are wet with many tears. Look! They are falling by the roadside. There are none to care for them. Those who are left still struggle on, but the songs die on their lips away. Weary and worn and ragged, a little band of helpless children reach at last the city of Geneva, and there they are scattered and lost.

And how about the other company? With them it has fared better. Thousands of them, for the road was easier and the air more balmy, reach Marseilles and gaze, wide-eyed with wonder, on the blue waters of the Southern Sea. Some traders, masters of slave ships, meet with them there, and promise to carry them to the Holy Land. Two of the ships founder at sea and the little pilgrims perish in the floods of the great deep. Two of the ships sail safely—but to what ports! To Algiers and to Alexandria. There the sweet-faced little heroes and heroines are sold by the heartless traders in the slave-markets. Better they had perished amid the Alpine snows or in the waste of waters. Had these children no mothers to love them? No fathers to guard them? No friends to save them? Poor lonely little pilgrims! How we pity their sad fate!

There are armies of children in our homes and on our streets. As I see them rushing forth with laughter and shouting from our great prison-schools, I think of the child-crusaders. And I wonder how many of our children have homes that are havens of peace, and mothers that keep them from evil, and fathers that govern them wisely, in the fear and love of the Father in Heaven. Ah! For hundreds of them, for thou-

sands of them, there is waiting a fate not less terrible than that which overtook the sturdy survivors of the children's crusade!

I. The text tell us and the gospel teaches, that **Christ came to save the child.** Most men are converted when they are children. The most effective and productive work of the church is that which is done with and amongst the children. The Sunday school is the church's agency for the conversion and training of children and youth. It has been called the right arm of the church. It has been called the teaching service of the church. It has been called the nursery of the church. Very often, thank God, it is the heart and life-blood of the church. It should receive the unhesitating and unremitting support of every member of the church.

Consider the lesson of Christ's comparison. He likens the ideal Christian to a child. He does not tell us that we must become millionaires before we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He does not tell us that we must become statesmen, or warriors, or philanthropists, before we enter the Kingdom. He does not tell us, however, that we must become little children. In spirit, in faith, in honesty of purpose, in tenderness, in guilelessness, we must enter again the golden gates of childhood.

Consider the lesson of Christ's ministry. He who is Lord of Life. He who could summon legions of angels to His aid, He whose purpose aimed at world-wide spiritual dominion, spent time and labor, spent His humanity, spent His all-regal Divinity, in giving back a little girl in health and strength to her wondering and rejoicing parents.

Consider the lesson of Christ's comradeship. Christ took the little children in His arms and blessed them. No wonder they threw green branches in His way and cried their happy hallelujahs when He approached the Holy City, when He entered the temple courts! It is the mark of a superior man, a tender and gracious man, a noble man in the best sence, when he can win a child's heart. Christ won it!

Thus does Christ, and thus does every true church of Christ, exalt childhood, minister to childhood, hold fellowship with childhood. In this way only can the church herself become great. In this way only can she save the child, and to save the child is to save the world.

II. **The child today needs our saving touch.** Never were the hosts of sin so strong. Never were the subtlety and guile of Satan more alarmingly manifested. Never has he come more treacherously in the guise of a sweet angel of light, to children. Our cities, especially, are full of snares and traps and pitfalls, into which the children are slipping and falling, too often with none to care for their souls or attempt to rescue them.

Suppose an illustration. Here is a man employed on the street railway. He was born and bred a Roman Catholic. Now he is nothing, religiously. He is a hard-working man. He labors incessantly to support the family that he hardly ever sees. When he goes home at night the children have gone to bed. His wife is a Lutheran, but has not been to church for twelve years. The eldest son has drifted into bad company and is now a member of a hoodlum gang. He is worse than worthless. He is becoming one of the outcasts and enemies of the social order. He is depraved and vicious. For the next forty or fifty years he will be a menace to society, and an evil force to be reckoned with. There was a time when he could have been reclaimed, when, rather, he could have been hindered from his present course. When he was, for six months, ten years ago, a member of your Sunday School class in the First Baptist Church, he might have been saved—you might have saved him. The eldest girl is in a down-town department store. She has begun to go, with a young man, to the America Dance hall. That is the mouth of hell. What her future will be I dare not think. She, also, is now, I fear, beyond your influence. The younger boy and girl are in no Sunday School. They are bright and intelligent. They have not yet fallen into ill habits or sinful ways. They may be saved for lives of usefulness, as many others have been through our Sunday School. We hope to get that boy and girl in our School this year.

Think of the forces which surround those children. Not only are they in a Godless home. Not only have they constantly before them the evil example of their older brother and sister. There are also cords being thrown about them which, unless we do our duty, will bind them forever to lives of thriftlessness and sin. Some two or three years ago, on my way to the church where I was to preach in London, on a Sunday morning, I noticed a sign with a hand pointing, and the words following: "This way to the Tap." The Tap means the

Bar. The finger was typical indeed to me of tendencies in our modern high-pressure life. Everywhere fingers are pointing, hands are beckoning, voices are calling to the Tap, to the bar, to the dance hall, to the brothel. Now, what fingers are pointing, what voices are calling, to righteousness, honor, purity of life? In this immediate vicinity there is, for multitudes of these little children, only the finger of our faith, only the voice of our consecration. Are we pointing them or leading them? Are we speaking to them of Jesus Christ?

When I reflect upon the evil which surrounds a boy hereabouts, a boy whose parents are irreligious or unreligious, the thought that fills my mind is that **we are that boy's opportunity, we are that boy's hope, it is our business to be that boy's salvation.**

A picture which I saw in one of the Spanish art galleries represents a noble and beautiful mother, leading her pure-faced boy past the temple of the Goddess of Pleasure. A voluptuous woman of the world sits at the entrance. She is clad in gaudy and meretricious attire. She seeks by smiles and signs to coax the boy away from his mother's side, but he looks with loving and steadfast eyes into his mother's face and passes on. Alas! Too many of the boys of Chicago do not have a noble and beautiful mother, who will lead them on and guide them safely. How often you meet boys—and girls too—late in the evening, on the street! Where are their mothers? It may truly be said that they have none. It is the part and place of the teachers of our Sunday School to act toward these children, so far as is possible, as their mothers should, but will not; to warn them against evil, to lead them in the way of good.

Lander has said that "Children are what their mothers are." When the mother is not what she should be, the only hope I can see is in the noble-hearted Sunday School teacher.

III. **Each one of us must help to save the child.** The servants of the devil are active and alert. No true servant of Christ can afford to be idle. The child is the mainspring of civilization. He must be won and kept for God and holiness and truth. There must be unanimity of effort in the campaign of rescue and salvation. In the home of my boyhood, every man above the age of twenty-one was obliged to work on the roads a certain number of days each year. Hundreds of men would turn out and do the repairing necessary for the entire year. If a man were unable or unwilling to go himself with team or shovel, he sent a substitute and paid the substitute. My father always followed this rule or plan, and sent our hired man, who was usually a stout fellow of 17 or 18.

In general in the Christian church, this substitution is impossible. "To every man his work" is the supreme law. Everyone must stand in his own place or brand himself a hypocrite and renegade. Yet, in the special work of the church, here and there, the rule of substitution may be applied. Not everyone can teach in the Sunday School. There would not be scholars enough to go around. But everyone can do a work there, either personally or by proxy. And everyone can, in two very definite ways, by prayer and by gifts, support the Sunday School and help carry forward its work in the way of magnificent success.

Does this work appeal to you? It must appeal to you. If you have hearts, if you love Jesus Christ, you cannot fail to see and feel the fundamental importance of our work for the children.

"Do you hear the children weeping, oh my brothers,
Ere the sorrow comes with years;
They are leaning their young heads against their mothers,
And that cannot stop their tears."

Let us help the children. Let us plan for the children. Let us seek, you and I and all of us, banded nobly together in the name of Jesus Christ, to save the children of this neighborhood. Our lofty spire mocks us, as it points toward heaven, if we seek not these young lives. Our comfortable seats are beds of sinful indolence if we go not from them and from here to mature plans to save the children. Our worship is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal if we do not live that worship, as He whom we say we follow lived it, by re-creating the life of children. Oh, for an instant renewal and dedication to this work of supreme value! And inasmuch as we minister unto one of the least of these, the Master's little ones, we do it unto Him, our glorious Lord.

The Church at Work

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Margaret Van Fleet.

There is an old proverb which says: "The dead and the absent have no friends." Is it true? Ask any one of the thirty-five enthusiastic ladies of the District Committees who gathered at the committee meeting on the afternoon of February 3d, if the absent have no friends. Listen to the religious census statistics given by the pastor and to the reports of visiting done by the ladies during the month of January and it will be evident that much is being done to show those whose circumstances or whose indifference cause them to be absent from our services and work that they have friends who will extend a cordial welcome to them in our church home.

Nearly every District Chairman was present and in turn reported visitation upon Baptist families who are members of our church and congregation or who are strangers with us, and upon those who have no regular place of worship. Several of the committes reported about fifty calls each and one report included a house-to-house canvass by one of the ladies of a portion of the District, with interesting discoveries and much good work in extending friendly invitations and in acquaintance with Baptist families before unknown.

The pastor has designated the boundaries of outlying districts beyond the first divisions, lying north of 29th Street, west of Wabash Avenue, and south of 35th, and hopes soon to have the committees complete for these districits.

Yes, the absent have friends among us, and what is better, many of the absent are coming to know that they have friends with us who are anxious to find out who they are and where they are, and who are ready to search out the absent and prove themselves friendly. Let the work go on till every family in reach of our church shall have received a friendly call or a hearty welcome to our services.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Elizabeth M. Pickett.

We are glad to welcome as new members this month Misses Ionia and Laura Kent, and Mr. Andrew Ursham.

Every meeting seems beter than the last. Come with us, and see if you will not want to come again. The consecration meeting in January was led by the Lookout Committee. They are the best and most active of our members. Their name is not a misnomer.

Missionary Rally.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 19th, the South Division Christian Endeavor Union held a Missionary Rally at the Sixth Presbyterian Church. A good number of our members were present, though we could not carry off the banner. The Sixth Church have a large choral Society, trained by their pastor, which we were privileged to hear.

Our own pastor gave the Missionary address of the evening, and as always, we were glad and proud to hear him, for he gave us fresh inspiration and enthusiasm for the cause of world-wide missions.

Endeavor Conference.

January 24th, a conference meeting of our society was held. On account of the cold weather many were kept from coming, so that the various committees were not fully represented. After separate meetings, a general conference was called. Reports of plans for the coming term were given and discussed. Each committee shows a determination to accomplish their own work well this next six months. The meeting closed with a number of sentence prayers.

Christian Endeavor Day Service.

February 3rd, we celebrated the twenty-fourth anniversary of the foundation of our great Christian Endeavor movement. Do you know what the church owes to Christian Endeavor . Here are some facts:

200,000 young people have been added yearly to the church of Christ from the ranks of Chrisitan Endeavors. Through its committee work Christian Endeavor has taught young people to "serve the Lord with gladness" and has drawn into the active work of the church thousands that would otherwise have been lost to her forever.

By urging participation in the devotional meetings of the Society, Christian Endeavor has "loosened the tongues" of a multitude of young people, and has given to the church a band of speakers trained to take part in the public worship.

More than a million of dollars a year is given by Chrisitan Endeavorers for the work of the church in this and other lands.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain of India, says that "undoubtedly the Christian Endeavor

Society will advance the evangelization of India by a full generaiton." Rev. Wm. Carey, great grandson of the great William Carey, of East Bengal, India, says that "Christian Endeavor is the brightest and best thing God has sent us for the young life of the Indian Church." Such facts as these, and many more, were given at our Friday evening meeting, about this wonderful work throughout the world, wherever it has been established. We know what it has brought to our own church, and many of our members testified to its power in their individual lives. The meeting was generally voted an unusually interesting and profitable one.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor.

Dark clouds, Mr. Jack Frost, the Ice King of the Wind seemed to have formed a combination during the month of January to dishearten the Ladies' Benevolent Society. They were not successful. January 6th dawned dull and dismal but even Chicago's darkest day would not have been sufficient to discourage the active workers:

"Who are not here to play, to dream, to drift:—
Who have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

The newly renovated and attractive parlors gave a pleasant welcome to all who passed in from the gloom of the gray day.

On January 20th the Ice King reigned supreme and made walking very difficult, but notwithstanding this, ninety-two ladies met and completed the work awaiting them.

Embroidery Tea.

On January 25th, Chicago awoke a prisoner of the Snow King. His fetters though soft and pliable were hard to break and accompanied by intense cold and a keen wind, semed very severe and interfered considerably with the tea given by the executive committee. Although the audience was small, a very delightful programme was rendered by Mrs. Lizzie Abobtt Clark and Mrs. T. G. McLaury. Mrs. Clark is a charming young woman with a soprano voice of wonderful quality and bell-like purity and a sister of the famous Emma Abbott. She first gave a selection very appropriate to the day. "What the chimney Sang." This was but the beginning of a "feast of music." The enthusiastic audience became very demonstrative as "The Lark," "Stolen Wings," "A Slave Song,' 'and "A May Morning," were sung by the gifted artist.

Mrs. McLaurey, who excels as a reader, of dialect, added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon by reading an extract from "Moriah's Mourning," and "Mrs. Harrigan at the Shoe Store." Unlimited praise and pleasure were expressed by all and every one regretted that time had its limits and no more could be crowded into one short afternoon. In spite of the unpleasant weather, the tea given with a two-fold object—the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage, and the pleasure of the ladies was a success.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

Mrs. S. B. Lingle.

The women of the Mission Circle felt somewhat lost on January 13, as they gathered in the large auditorium of the church, the usual rooms being in the hands of busy decorators.

The attendance numbered forty, and the programme was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Googins gave a rapid survey of mission work in China from the first efforts of the early church, through the period of early Catholic missions and also the protestant work begun by Robt. Morrison nearly a century ago, and the devoted labors of Hudson Taylor and his co-workers in the Inland China missions.

The remainder of the program brought us two lives, the accounts of which must have left a lasting impression on all who listened.

Miss Van Fleet gave a sketch of Rev. J. K. McKenzie one of the heroes of Chinese Missions and Miss Henry told of the life of a brilliant, wayward girl among the mountaineers of Tennessee, whose feet were turned by patient kindness into the paths of service to God and to mankind. Miss Henry's presence was an inspiration to the Circle.

THE AMORET HENSON GUILD.

B. N. Harvey, Dept. Editor.

Our January meeting was one of the most thoroughly successful and enjoyable ones we have had in months. There were some sixty-five girls present to welcome the speaker of the evening, Dr. Crosser, of the Kenwood Evangelical Church.

There was a most delightful tea at

which we had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. de Blois. The chattering and laughing that might be heard on every side proved that the social life for which our Guild is famous, was not being neglected.

After tea, Dr. Crosser spoke to us very informally about his travels in Russia and the present condition of that country made the topic of more than usual interest. We were intensely interested in Dr. Crosser's description of parts of St. Petersburg and Moscow, of the life of the aristocrat and peasant, as well as of the stranger who happens within their gates. The girls responded very nethusiastically to the speaker's invitaiton to ask questions which proved that they had been following the talk with thought as well as the delight of being splendidly entertained.

We enjoyed very much having some older ladies with us and hope they found our meeting attractive enough to make them want to come again.

The Glee Club.

We have found that by changing the hour of practice from Monday afternoons at four-thirty to Tuesday evening at seven, we can get a great number of girls who are employed during the day but would be glad to take advantage of one hour of study and pleasure. We hope in this way to strengthen our chorus as well as make it what it was first intended to be, a means of reaching young women who were strangers in our church.

The Bible Class.

Our Guild Bible Class is working splendidly and growing acordingly. Miss Van Fleet's efforts are untiring and we hope by summer to have the largest, most active class in the school.

The Blakeslee system requires much more study than the International lessons but on the other hand gives one a connected story which is vastly more profitable.

Come and enjoy our hour of study Sunday mornings. We know you will not come away unrequited for your effort.

THE YOUNG LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

May E. Fralick, Dept. Editor.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 25th, the Young Ladies' Misisonary Society met at the home of the Misses Marshall. The girls hemmed towels for the Baptist Hospital. After it grew too dark to sew, we gathered around the piano and had a "sing."

The next meting wil be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 15, at the home of Miss Eunice Baker, 5350 Indiana Ave.

THE TEACHERS' BANQUET.

Last Thrusday evening was an occasion not soon to be forgotten by the teachers of our Bible School. We were the guests of our honored Superintendent Whitmore at a feast of good things, both material and intellectual. After assembling in the parlors, all adjourned to the lecture room where plates were laid for fifty or sixty. The banquet was conducted as though an expert were in charge.

About 8 o'clock Superintendent Whitmore who presided, called the company to order, outlined the program and presented Dr. de Blois as the first speaker of the evening. His subject was the relation of the church to the Sunday School. Among other things he said the church gets ninety per cent of its strength from the Sunday School. To pay this debt, ninety percent of the work and money of the church should be devoted to the Sunday School. The Pastor was followed by Mrs. Lamereaux who gave an inspiring address on "Teacher Training." It is hard to understand how any teacher hearing her burning words, can stay away from the Monday evening "Teacher Training Class."

Rev. Mr. Van Steele, of Highland Park, next spoke of the teacher's responsibility, and gave several personal experiences.

Miss McCullough greatly delighted the gathering by singing two choice selections with Prof. Havens at the piano. Miss Van Fleet then spoke of the importance of knowing the scholars and their home environment.

The closing address was made by Mr. J. P. Ahrens upon the relation of the teacher to the superintendent. In his characteristic forceful manner he emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation as the ideal relations between teacher and superintendent.

This gathering was so much enjoyed and so helpful that all voted to hold such a function in place of the informal meeting held heretofore. This is to be a year of progress for the First Church Sunday School under the leadership of Brother Whitmore.

Church Life

Mrs. and Miss Green leave next week for California.

Remember the Training School reception Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th.

Mrs. M. J. Piercey will leave on the 16th to spend several months in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a new baby boy.

Mrs. and Miss Knight are visiting friends in the south during the winter months.

Mr. Norton, the president of the Chicago B. Y. P. U. was a visitor last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Havens is slowly recovering from her recent illness and we hope to see her out very soon.

Deacon McCullough went home from a recent Sunday evening service to find that robbers had paid his house a visit.

The great increase in the attendance at our Sunday evening service is a tribute to the effort of those who are working to build up this service.

On March 14, the Women's Baptist Mission Union will meet with our church from 11 to 3 o'clock. This is the annual meeting and will be of special interest. We trust it will be well attended by our own members.

A concert of the songs of long ago will be given next Thursday, Feb. 16th. Not only the music but the costumes also will recall the good old-fashioned days.

The ladies of Raymond are planning to give a rummage sale early in the spring and request you to save any usable article of any sort; or give your name and address to Mr. Embree and the goods will be called for. The funds raised from this sale will be used for the new chapel furnishings.

The spirit of organization is growing in our intermediate department. Mr. Pienkowsky has secured the help of Mr. Messner as organizer of his class and officers have been elected as follows:

Christian Schwartz, President.
Clarence Heath, Secretary.
Wilson Adams, Treasurer.
Herbert Heath, Chairman Social Committee.

Visitation.

The following report shows something of the work done by Miss Van Fleet during the month of January:

Calls received at house	4
Calls made— (S. S. 66; Gen. 103; Conference 9)	
Letters written	178
Postals written	61
Services attended, Religious 30; Social,	16
Committee meetings, 3; Teachers' meetings	34
Bible Class sessions	6
Garments disbursed	9
	22

The Mission Committee.

Mr. Austermell felt compelled to decline the chairmanship of this committee and the members chose Mrs. R. R. Donnelley as chairman; the other newly appointed members are: Mr. Bowman Lingle, Mr. Wm. Wigney, Mr. Arthur Rhenisch, Mr. Turril and Mr. Cassius Williamson.

Sunday School.

On the third Sunday in January Mr. Hayne gave our department one of his excellent Chalk Talks. While he was drawing Miss Poole rendered appropriate music on the piano and her younger brother delighted the children with several selections on the violin.

One of our faithful teachers, Miss Mary Green, has been obliged to go to California for six weeks on account of her health. We wish her a delightful vacation in the land of flowers but trust to see her in the position she has held so admirably at the end of that time renewed in health and vigor.

During Miss Green's absence Miss Eva Burchett will have class No. 21.

We are glad to welcome to our corps of teachers Miss Mabel Shane to Class No. 1, Miss Baker to Class No. 4, Miss Edith Durham to Class No. 9, Mrs. Moors to Class No. 3 and Mrs. Chas. Werner to No. 23. It is very gratifying to see how nobly some of our young ladies and mothers have responded to the call for teachers but the Superintendent is anxious now to get

several men teachers. Where are the men who allow the ladies to reap all the benefits of this truly delightful and inspiring service.

Mr. Roy Merrifield, our pastor's new assitant, is now teaching the boys' graduating class, and we look forward to one of the best graduating classes we have ever had.

We are always pleased to see our visitors chairs well filled. Among the most regular have been Mrs. Dempster, Mr. and Mrs. Coyle, Mr. Trude and several other parents of our scholars. We trust that more of the parents will evidence their interest in our school by coming with the little ones.

The Cradle Roll Dept. for some time without a leader, is now under the able supervision of Miss Fannie Googins.

"The Superintendent is pleased to correct the statement made in his annual report that Miss Blanche Pickett had resigned as assistant secretary of Home Dept. It was a misunderstanding on his part, and he is much pleased to know that she will continue as assistant secretary."

An Important Notice.

Commencing with the evening of Monday, February 6, there will be given, by Mrs. M. S. Lamereaux, in connection with the Weekly Teachers' Meeting, a series of eight talks on the subject of "Adolescense." There is no period of life so critical as that between the years of twelve and twenty, and yet it is the least understood. It is the time of the greatest loss from the Sunday School and the most anxious thought in the home. It has problems and possibilities which no other period of life has to face. In order to give the greatest help to the boys and girls during these years of "storm and stress" the teacher must understand their life and it is to this end that the course is offered. The general charagterisites of the period of adolesence will be discussed and as careful a study as possible made of the changes that take place during this time. Those who are dealing with the older boys and girls, either as parents or teachers, are most earnestly requested to be present.

Meetings are held in our Sunday School rooms. Time, Monday evening; hour, 8 o'clock.

THE LORIMER CLASS.

During the last month, the class has taken up the systematic and thorough study of the Life of Christ, using the Blakeslee Lessons. The members are enthusiastic over the plan, and the good results upon the Sunday morning Bible study are already evident.

Monday night, Feb. 13th, the Social committee promises a treat. The name of the speaker will be announced Sunday.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

Additions.

By Baptism—
Mrs. Bronson M. Rogers, Red Lodge, Mont.
Miss Helen V. Gale, 3352 Rhodes Ave.
Miss Isabelle S. Brewer, 3120 Wabash Ave.
Mr. F. L. Reynolds, 3032 South Park Av.
Mrs. F. L. Reynolds, 3032 South Park Ave.
Mr. Barold R. Riedel, 33rd Place and Cottage Grove Ave.

By Letter—
Mr. Augustus B. Cornwell, 3334 Armour Ave.

By Experience—
Miss Nellie Ruth Kirkpatrick, 3354 Rhodes Ave.

Diminutions.

By Letter—
Miss Lena M. Burns.
Miss Amanda Englemann.

Raymond Chapel.

The proposed building for Raymond Chapel at the northeast corner of 31st St. and Poplar Ave., will contain on the first floor the main auditorium, separated from which by accordian doors will be the prayer meeting room, which can be used for the smaller and week-day meetings. Our object of so placing the prayer meeting room is to have the 31st street front always lighted and inviting in appearance whenever there is a meeting. Off the prayer meeting room is a smaller one which may be used as a class room, dispensary, or library. The pastor's study is in the northeast corner—near the platform which is at the north end and is large enough to seat a large chorus.

The lower floor contains a large room 10 feet high which can be used for various purposes; a smaller room, with fire place, seats, etc.; this may be used as a church parlor. There is also a kitchen, besides the heating apparatus, coal storage, etc.

The building is approximately 48x70, of brick with stone trimimngs, slate roof and is lighted by ceiling lights as well as side windows.

Estimates are now being taken for doing the work which will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

Raymomd Notes.

Mrs. Johnson is suffering from an attack of the grip.

Miss Stowell is a valued addition to our teaching staff.

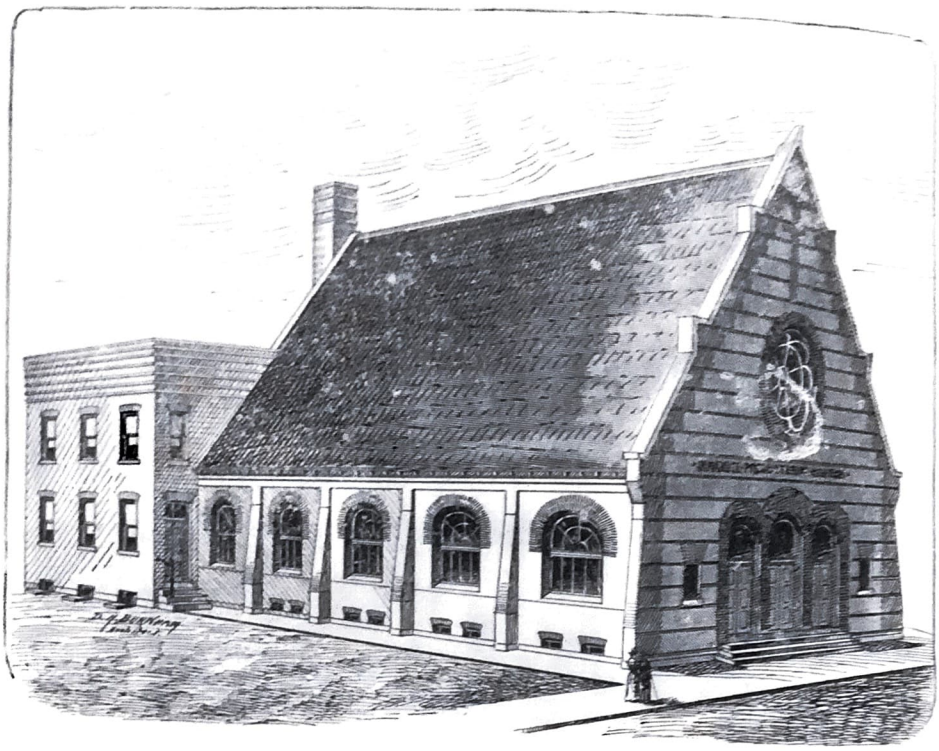
Mrs. Horace Wigney entertained a company of friends last Friday evening.

Our Woman's Society meets twice each month. The meeting this week was at the home of Mrs. Wadie.

Mr. Beuhlow has been confined to his home for several weeks; we are glad to have him with us again.

Brother Davis is the new teacher of the Austermell Class. The school is to be congratulated upon such a valuable addition to the corps of teachers.

Miss Harvey, newly appointed superintendent of the Primary Department, has



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begun her work with us and we look for new life and great growth in the primary department.

Mr. Henry Chase, most punctual of teachers, has been missing from his accustomed place in our Bible School for two weeks. He is temporarily disabled as a result of an injury but it is thought he will be about again before long.

A Young Ladies Society was organized last week at the home of Brother Throw. The following officers were elected:

Miss Olsen, President.
Miss Manfroi, Vice President.
Miss Carrie Meier, Secretary.
Miss Etta Webb, Treasurer.

The newly appointed officers for the ensuing year are:

Superintendent.
Mr. Rhenisch, Asst. Supt.
Mr. Horace Wigney, Secretary.
Mr. Simms, Asst. Sec.
Mr. Rader, Treasurer.
Mr. King, Pianist.
Mr. Calvin Rader, Asst. Librarian.
Mr. Phares Minich, Asst. Librarian.

Friday, February 23d, a church social is to be given by all our organizations combined. It is to be a family social. An especially fine musical program is promised by Mr. King. The luncheon will be provided by all the ladies and each box will be sold to him who wants it most. He will then share this lunch for two with the young lady who filled the box. The proceeds will be given to the furnishing of the new Chapel.

The poor we have always with us, especially in this neighborhood during the severe cold weather. Mr. Embree solicits gifts from those who desire to help these unfortunate and helpless ones. A small fund he has on hand has enabled him recently to help the urgent needs in two or three cases and as the bitter weather is likely to cause much suffering it is hoped many will contribute to this fund, and do so without delay.

"New Building" is a popular topic in Raymond circles just now. Those interested had a chance to see the plans at one of our prayer meetings recently and we are more than ever impatient for our new home now that we know what a commodious and comfortable meeting house Mr. Tomlinson has planned. As has been stated previously, construction will be begun as soon as the weather permits and

our present hope is that we may move in early in April.

Elva Mason, Clayton and Beatrice Cromb and Isabel Mathie were accepted for baptism by the church Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st. All but the first named, who postponed her baptism so that her sister, Mrs. Austermell, might be present, were baptized the following Sunday. We thank God for these tokens of His blessing on our work. There are several more in our Bible School about whom we are much concerned and we hope that ere long they too may come to know Christ as their personal Savior and may desire to confess Him publicly.

The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church, Clerk.

January 1. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor; morning: "A Key Word for 1905;" evening: "The Veil and the Vision."

January 2. Monday. Sunday School teachers' study class. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

January 3. Tuesday. Church prayer service. Topic: "The Church Called."

January 4. Wednesday. Church prayer service. Topic: "The Church Comforted."

January 5. Thursday. Church prayer service. Topic: "The Church Empowered."

January 6. Friday. Church prayer service. Topic: "The Church Triumphant."

Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Meeting of members of District Committee.

January 7. Saturday. The Boys' Club.

January 8. Sunday. In the morning the annual memorial service of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, G. A. R., was held. In the evening the Pastor preached upon "The Miracle of a Changed Life."

January 9. Monday. Social meeting of the Lorimer Class. Sunday School teachers' study class.

January 10. Tuesday. Evangelistic rally of the Baptist Churches of the South Side. Brief addresses by Dr. Myers, Dr. Tuller, Rev. F. W. Swift, Rev. J. M. Linden and Dr. Gifford.

January 11. Wednesday. Annual meeting of the church.

January 13. Friday. Meeting of the Women's Mission Circle, addressed by Miss Henry, of Maryville College, Tenn. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Rhenisch. Topic: "The making of a Christian—his birth." John 3:1-3.

January 14. Saturday. Meeting of the Boys' Club.

January 15. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached upon the topic, "The Saving of the Child," and in the evening upon "A Hardy Pioneer. The First Young Man who went West."

January 16. Monday. Sunday School teachers' study class.

Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

January 17. Tuesday. At the meeting of the Men's League, Dr. J. S. Kirtley, of Elgin gave a very delightful lecture on the "Barefoot Kingdom."

January 18. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service.

January 20. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting led by Miss Helen Pickett. Topic, China.

January 21. Saturday. Boys' Club.

January 22. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor; morning topic: "The Face of Christ;" evening: A Crafty Politician. The Young Man who Sought Gain through Trickery."

January 23. Monday. Monthly meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild. Address by Dr. Crosser on Russia.

Sunday School teachers' study class.

Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

January 24. Tuesday. Conference of

January 25. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Theme: "A Steadfast, Stalwart Faith our Supreme Need." Luke 3:3-6.

January 27. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer meting in charge of the Look-out Committee. Topic: "How to Win Souls for Christ." John 10:40-46.

January 28. Saturday. Meeting of the Boys' Club.

January 29. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached upon the topic, "The Revival for Today,' and in the evening upon "A Pure-Hearted Statesman. The Young Man who made Character Count."

January 30. Monday. Sunday School teachers' study class.

Social meeting of the Lorimer Class.

January 31. Tuesday. The Christian Endeavor Society held an enjoyable "hail-

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